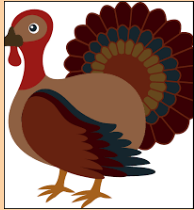


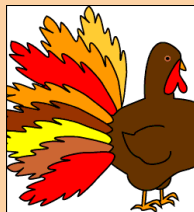
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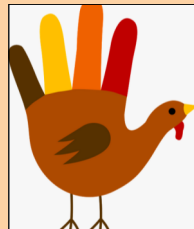
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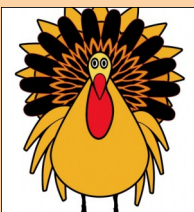
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Student Misbehavior



Since the dust-up at the student housing towers went front page, two Red Tags were placed at the student housing building the Level. One was for an individual unit (#904), and the other was for the entire roof top pool area where they had been holding concerts. They'll be in effect until next May.

In addition, as a follow up to the meeting I called last Monday, the ownership of the towers has taken some concrete actions. In my opinion, they're short-term in nature and not permanent solutions, but they're a showing of good faith and a start.

The current leases for all of the rooms in all three towers clearly state that tossing objects from the balconies is "strictly prohibited." It even goes so far as to hold the tenant responsible if something is accidentally knocked off the railing. When drawing up the leases, the legal folks understood the potential liability.

The sanction is an immediate fine of \$1,000. They also have the option of eviction. The City can prosecute criminally if a person is clearly identified. The ownership also reports each incident investigated to the UA and to TPD. Copies of those lease



Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima County Animal
Control**
243-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

terms have been permanently placed on the sliding glass doors to each balcony. They were known to every tenant prior to moving in.

Based on that, notices of immediate eviction were issued on November 20th to 4 of the tenants. They also blocked off their balcony (the individuals had the weekend to vacate, so blocking the balcony was a preventative measure). If they refuse to leave, things will get litigious. On a parallel path, TPD is reviewing video to see if criminal prosecution is warranted, and the ownership will be providing the UA Dean of Students the incident information once each eviction is complete.

The ownership has also committed to installing video cameras in areas that will allow for viewing of all four sides of all three towers. Getting them in place will take a couple of weeks. Until they're up and running, on-site security is going to be used from 9pm until 4am, seven days per week. Also in the interim, I've asked that they shut down the balconies. At this point, they're not doing that. I'll bet they would if somebody was seriously injured down below from a thrown object. They're evidently comfortable waiting and hoping.

With respect to the loud parties that were held on the roof of Level, they've agreed to abide by all City noise ordinances. That effectively means they're not hosting concerts up there any longer.

On Friday of last week I had two meetings related to these incidents. One was with UA Administration and the Chair of the Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC). The outcome of that was to schedule a more broadly-based follow up meeting in which we'll review student behaviors in general at off campus housing. This 'CCRC Livable Community Forum' will take place on Monday, December 8th from 6pm until 8pm, and will be held on campus, probably in the auditorium in the Education building. I'll firm up that location when we get the room reserved – but the date and time are fixed. This meeting will be a totally open to the public. We'll have the Chief of Police, our City Attorney, the UA Dean of Students, the UA Community Relations rep, and the Chair of the CCRC along with me on the dais. We'll each give a short opening comment, but the bulk of the evening will be to hear from you all. I know there was considerable interest in the meeting we held last Monday, but we needed to keep that one focused on what was an immediately dangerous situation. On the 8th, we'll hear from the wider community.

The other meeting I held on Friday was after evening prayers over at the Mosque with their leadership. We discussed the actions the ownership group had already taken, spoke about more long-term solutions, and I told them about the 12/8 forum. They're a good group of folks who simply want to coexist in their place of worship with the surrounding community. We're going to achieve that.

I'm sure this conversation will evolve. Part of that will be the December 8th meeting. Come on out and be a part of it. The title is exactly what we're after: a livable community.

How did we get to this level of density? Here's an excerpt from one of my previous newsletters that pretty much lays out how these building heights came to be adopted:

Since mid-last year we have been in a design process with multiple stakeholders related to how to develop the Main Gate District – generally from Speedway to 6th, and from Euclid to Park. Included in those talks were members of the West University Neighborhood, developers and other owners of private property located in that area, the University and other interested taxpayers. On May 8th, the M&C gave direction to the Zoning Examiner to hold some final public hearings and return to us with a proposed amendment outlining design standards for the area. Our specific direction was to cap heights on the Tyndall sites at 90', 84' and 56'. Nobody who had participated in the months' long process got everything they wanted. But those who had been engaged in that process trusted that their input had been heard, and at least given consideration in the deliberative process that drove us to that May 8th direction to staff.

On Tuesday we were to adopt final language. There were some changes proposed by the Zoning Examiner (ZE), essentially adding some review options, and allowing for the possibility of increasing heights above those we had unanimously approved in the 8th. Nothing in the set of facts had changed between our vote on the 8th and Tuesday. Some of us found it odd that more changes to our clear direction were being proposed.

What was even more odd was that speaker after speaker during the public hearing on Tuesday kept referring to a "130'" compromise that they were willing to adopt. That was not a part of any of the ZE hearings, but it had clearly been discussed and agreed upon before the meeting on Tuesday.

A motion to adopt the 130' was made, and it was seconded – both by council members whose wards are geographically farthest from the Main Gate area, and both by council members who have neither been to any of the scoping meetings, nor have any of their staff members been involved at any public level. The operative word there is 'public.'

Draw your own conclusions, but Wards 1, 3 and 6 are most directly involved in the issue due to the proximity of our constituents, Wards 1, 3 and 6 have been involved with the scoping and public hearing process, and Wards 1, 3 and 6 were left out of any discussion of a 'compromise' – and the vote went in favor of that compromise on a 4-3 count. Wards 2, 4, 5, and the Mayor voted for the "compromise".

I said at the time and continue to believe that the fallout from that vote goes well beyond the building heights involved – it's credibility lost. It will impact other projects' prospects. For example:

...in a little bit of what can only be classified as bad timing, I was made aware of a public meeting coming next week to ask for a rezoning to accommodate a new student housing complex. The site may or may not be a wonderful location, but really? We're going to have that discussion now? Here's the notice:



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

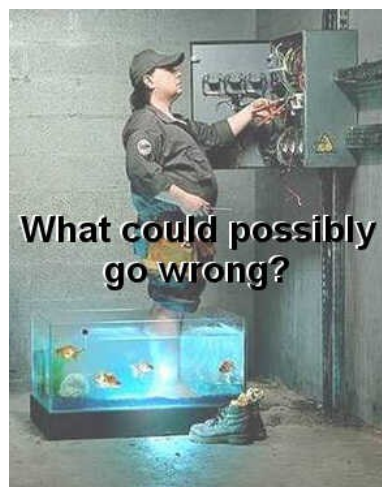
Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

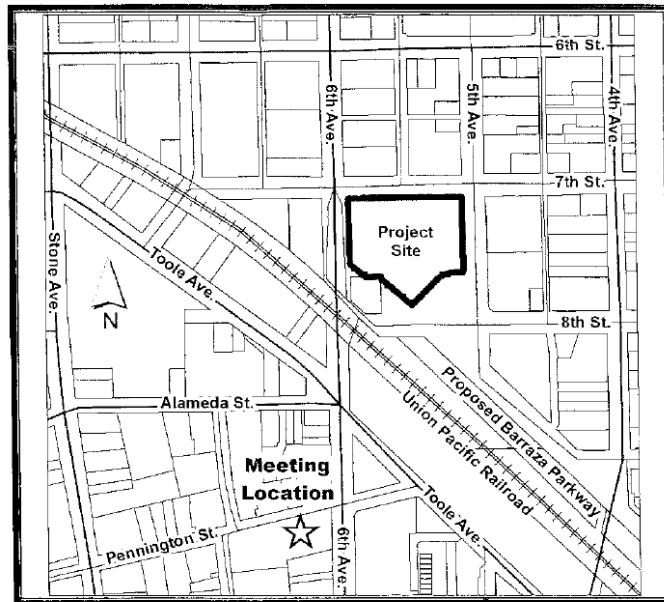
Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201



ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>



The Neighborhood Meeting
Will Be Held On:

Monday
December 1, 2014
From 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

LOCATION:

**PARKWISE PENNINGTON
GARAGE CONFERENCE ROOM**
110 E. Pennington St., Ste. 150
Tucson, Arizona 85726
(520) 791-5071

The proposal is to rezone the subject property from I-1 (Light Industrial) to OCR-1 (Office/Commercial/Residence Zone). The project site is located at the southeast corner of 6th Avenue and 7th Street and proposes a new 193 residential unit building along with 4,000 SF of retail space in the existing Corbett building.

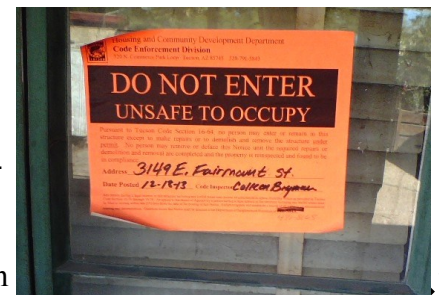
In addition, there's a liquor license application for a restaurant that's about to open on the ground floor of one of the student towers that surrounds the Mosque. I know these two groups aren't responsible for the behavior of the tower residents, but the timing is a good example of how the actions of a few can have a much wider impact. Unless another behind the scenes 'compromise' is being crafted, I'd say these two requests have about as much chance of surviving as does a beer bottle dropped from a 10th floor balcony.

My Ward 6 staff has learned that there's never a dull moment in our office. That's certainly true of this past week.

Landlord Misbehavior



The address of this 'house' is 1401 N. Camilla. The owner lives in the Sam Hughes neighborhood. He has several other similarly impressive 'rentals' scattered around Ward 6. He knows how to play the system, and despite the notice below having been placed on the structure and the fact that there are other unsecured, vacant buildings left unattended to in the rear of the property, we seem hamstrung by our own codes and either unwilling or unable to compel this guy to take ownership of his mess. Here's some language that exists in





our code (Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 16) that I believe gives us the right to either force this guy to take action or tear down the blight ourselves:

(4) The building or structure has been so damaged by fire, wind, earthquake or flood, or has become so dilapidated or deteriorated as to become:

- a. An attractive nuisance to children; or
- b. A harbor for trespassers or persons committing unlawful acts.

(3) A statement of the actions required to correct and abate the violations. The statement of required action shall direct the owner or responsible party to perform whatever action is reasonably necessary to correct the violations, including clean-up, extermination, repair, rehabilitation, vacation of the building or structure, compliance with section [16-29](#), and/or demolition:

Sec. 16-65. Abatement by demolition.

Abatement by demolition shall be ordered only where repair of the structure is unreasonable or impracticable, and demolition and removal of a structure or building is necessary to correct and abate a violation. Any action involving the demolition of a building or structure shall be commenced by issuing a notice of violation to the owner and any responsible parties in accordance with the provisions of section [16-45](#).

Over the weekend I sent the City Attorney and our Code Enforcement people a note suggesting we move forward immediately on the strength of the Code language I've cited above. I'm also going to get them together to address the issue of the holes that exist in our own Code that enables somebody like this guy to play dodgeball for literally years and keep this sort of nuisance property unaddressed in the midst of our midtown residential neighborhoods.

I'm pretty Type A. That brings with it the tendency to grow weary of having the same conversation over and over with no resolution. You can find structures like what's shown above all over midtown. Code Enforcement doesn't have the staffing to chase them all down. TPD doesn't have the staffing to do it either. Given that, we need to tighten up our enforcement standards so that the burden shifts to the slum lord to fix a property and take the cost of inspecting and re-inspecting over and over off from the backs of the taxpayers. More to come on this.

Road Repair Funding

I saw an interview last week in which the County Administrator said 'we'll just have to get used to it, there just isn't enough money for transportation.' The comment was made in relation to the issue of funding road repairs. If decision makers are locked into the options being openly discussed, that's pretty much true. An increase in the gas tax would help, but wouldn't solve the vast financial needs. They're talking about a new ½ cent tax for roads, too. The one solution that the RTA and others aren't willing to talk about sending back to you is what I've been promoting for over 2 years; that is, take a % of the RTA tax you're already paying and dedicate it to road repair.

It's either simply suppression or manipulation, but they don't want to engage on that idea. New taxes are evidently the option of choice.

You pay a ½ cent sales tax that is dedicated to expanding road capacity. Some of it goes to safety, environmental, and transit needs, but more than half of the projected \$2.1 billion in RTA revenues are targeted to building more road capacity. I've proposed letting the voters decide whether they'd like to see, say, 10% or 20% of that part of the package go to repairing what we have, instead of adding to our maintenance obligations by building wider roads on existing arterials. Yet the RTA won't engage in that debate.

The RTA is due to sunset in 2026. They'll need to go back to the voters to get an extension if they want to continue to exist after that date. The talk has been to have that vote in the next couple of years – to lend certainty to the funding streams. Put the question as to a percentage for road repair on the ballot at the same time and let's see where the chips fall. Limiting the options to new taxes, as is presently being done, isn't an honest reflection of the full slate of possible solutions we have to work with. It's a regional tax, so the Board of Supervisors controls how the RTA extension gets to the ballot. If you want that idea to be a part of the menu, let them know. If not, circle back to Mr. Huckelberry's quote and he may be right.

Police Body Cameras



Back in September, the M&C approved a \$180K grant to fund the purchase of 40 body worn police cameras. I voted against it, concerned with hidden costs that we might be getting ourselves hooked into. If we had tip-toed into the pilot program with just a half-dozen or so cameras, I'd have been on board. Now other jurisdictions are having to rethink their own decisions to jump into the body camera market.

In the November 17th edition of PoliceOne.com, there's a report on two police departments in Washington State who are now facing issues related to costs of managing their body camera programs. One of the issues I questioned was how we'd handle public records requests. That's what is now causing problems up in Washington.

Government documents and records are subject to public disclosure. In the Washington cases, a guy issued such a broadly-worded public records request for the camera data that one department says it "might take more than four years to fill the request, with a sergeant working an hour a day to review 1,100 hours of video that has been collected." The reason is that they have to review all of the data and redact those portions that show the inside of peoples' houses, faces during routine traffic stops, and what they call "compromising moments."

They're hoping that their State Legislature adopts a law to make public records requests more restrictive. Failing that, acknowledging that technology has outpaced laws and policies, they're talking about bagging the body worn camera program.

I know both the public and the media already chafe at how long it takes for us to respond

with some of their FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. I guess we'll have to see how this added source of information will impact our ability to give timely responses. But FOIAs were only one of my concerns. Add to that the cost for data storage, personnel to manage it, and now the time and labor to address public records requests. Some of our police officers came out in favor of the cameras. Others didn't. Given the choice, I'd opt for hiring more cops before spending these resources on video.

In the Washington case, as it stands, if footage is not part of a criminal or civil court case, it must be released. The redaction process is necessary to protect the public. The guy who made the request says he supports using the body cameras and that his motive is to let the public see how the police are doing their jobs. It's coming at a cost.

Sun Van Costs

Last budget cycle, we were offered what at the time looked like a good way to substantially reduce our Sun Van costs. That's the transit arm that serves our disabled community. It's heavily subsidized by the General Fund and we were all very supportive of pursuing the option. Right now, it looks like the money we will be saving was exaggerated and the process we have to go through to become eligible was understated.

In order to collect some funding offsets, Sun Van needs to be designated a Qualified Vendor by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Our initial application to them was denied. We made some revisions and resubmitted it – denied yet again. Our third try is now under review by DDD. When this was presented to us at a study session, it was made to sound like a pretty straightforward process. It is proving to be anything but that.

If we're ultimately approved as a Qualified Vendor, we'll have to go through four more steps. Those include registering with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, receiving certification, going through what's called a "Readiness Review," and securing insurance. Then both drivers and supervisors go through a fingerprinting process and must receive CPR training. The DDD may also have more training that's required prior to our receiving any funding reimbursement. That training is estimated to take up to eight weeks.

More bureaucracy – our clients must apply for reimbursement and then it's up to the DDD to determine individual eligibility. The point is that a former State Representative presented this to us and made it sound like a game changer, and pretty much a slam dunk to get us involved. It's not that at all, and after netting out the costs for bringing it on line we're looking at maybe saving about \$250K in the first year. That's not the solution we'll need to land on to help mitigate the costs we're absorbing to operate each facet of our transit system.

State Energy Efficiency Standards

In 2010, the Arizona Corporation Commission voted unanimously on a bi-partisan basis to put in place standards by which electric utilities would reduce the amount of power they sold by 22%. The savings were due by 2020. The way they were going to get there was by helping customers to conserve. A similar rule



"Speaking of energy conservation, Marmaduke is an expert."

was later set up for natural gas utilities. The projections were that the efficiency measures would save customers up to \$9 billion on their utility bills by the target date. (Conservation is much cheaper than building new gas-fired peaking plants to deal with high summer demand.) Immediately after the election earlier this month, the Commission announced it was scrapping the program and eliminating the standards.

Many of us feel this is a poor decision. Helping customers to save money while reducing pollution is a good thing. Reducing the amount of water use associated with the electricity that would have otherwise been produced by the power plants also strikes me as being a good thing. In order to attempt to get this new Commission to think about their elimination of the standards, I penned this letter to their Chair.



CITY OF TUCSON
Steve Kozachik
Council Member

November 17, 2014

Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners' Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Stump;

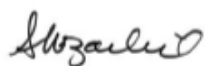
In 2010, in separate votes, the Arizona Corporation Commission unanimously adopted energy efficiency standards that would be applicable to both electric and natural gas utilities. The policies were adopted on a bipartisan basis. The current plan to roll back those standards is both unnecessary and counter-productive.

The policy as adopted is projected to save consumers nearly \$9 billion on their utility bills through 2020. Additional benefits include conservation of water and reduced pollution. Energy efficiency is widely recognized as the least costly manner by which utilities can meet electricity demand. It is less than half the cost of the construction of new natural gas-fired plants per kilowatt hour, and far less than the cost of newly built nuclear or coal plants. The policy as originally adopted is working, is saving consumers money, is reducing pollution, and is saving precious non-renewable resources.

Arizona is recognized nationally as a leader in energy efficiency achievements. As recently as this fall, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, in comparing 2013 with the prior year, ranked Arizona as number 4 in the nation for the amount of electricity saved by its utility customers. We conserved more than 1.3 million megawatt hours of electricity last year. The proposal to eliminate the standards that have led to these impressive results will only result in more negative publicity for this State. Haven't we seen enough of that?

Mr. Pierce, I'm sure you're aware that between TEP and APS in 2013, customers saved nearly \$80 million on their utility bills. The unanimous, bipartisan efficiency standards are the reason. We all benefit from the policies that are in place. I join millions of Arizonans in hoping your Commission will see the wisdom in leaving those standards in place and allowing Arizona to continue its leadership role in this fundamentally important area.

Thanks very much for your consideration,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
City of Tucson

I'm including it in its entirety so you've got both the substance, but also the mailing address in case you'd like to send in your thoughts as well. The standards were originally adopted by a bipartisan vote. It'd be a shame if the first fallout from changing the composition of the Commission this election was to roll back that rare example of the parties finding common ground in this State.

AzGS Gun Safety Forum



A gentle reminder – on Wednesday, December 10th @ 6:30pm, I'll be joined by AzGS in hosting a forum that'll touch on a couple of different issues. One is the National Violent Death Reporting System, and the other is Straw Purchases.

Last spring I began working with the ASU School of Public Health on getting the State of Arizona to join the CDC sponsored NVDRS. Midstream, newly elected State Representative Dr. Randy Friese got involved and helped push this across the finish line. The State is now a participant in that program and, as a result, lives will be saved. Randy will speak to the process and the expected effects on the 10th.

I've asked for a January 6th Study Session item to address our gun purchasing policies. In particular, when we buy weapons, I want the M&C to make it a policy that the vendors who sell us guns put their employees through the BATF Straw Purchase training. A straw purchase is when one person buys a gun with the intent of giving it to a prohibited possessor. The BATF has trained over 34,000 retailers, and has conducted over 60 large training sessions on how to spot a straw purchase. I'm hopeful that M&C will see the value in making it a condition of our awarding a gun contract that the vendor do the same with their employees.

Come on out on the 10th – we'll have some light refreshments, and the discussion will be another important step in the direction of gun safety in a State that has made it clear this is a tough topic to advance.

Project RAISE

We conducted our fourth Project RAISE last week – Responsible Alternatives to Incarceration for the Sexually Exploited – and it was again an opportunity to see women take the option of diversion over jail and begin to turn their lives around. Ann Charles from our office is the leader in the prep work for this project. We're also indebted to Willow Way (survivors of sex trafficking), Southern Arizona Against Slavery, the Tucson Women's Commission, TPD, and City Courts for their involvement.

Prostitution exploits vulnerable members of our community physically, emotionally and chemically. Both women and men find themselves in a sub-culture where they are made to

be increasingly more and more dependent on their pimps. Oftentimes efforts to turn their lives around are simply met with more physical abuse, or threats to withhold drugs upon which these women and men have become dependent.

Don't ever let anybody tell you prostitution is a victimless crime. The victims are the prostitutes themselves.

In our City Code, a first time offense for prostitution carries mandatory jail time. Based on our high recidivism rates (the rate of committing the crime again after release from prison), it's undeniable that our prison system does not rehabilitate. In the case of prostitution, it's predictable that the women and men will simply return to that lifestyle, and often to their original pimp, after release from jail.

Over the course of the four RAISE events we have conducted, an estimated 10 to 15 women have chosen to rejoin their families and turn away from the exploitation they had been enduring. Those are chances to begin living, maybe for the first time in these women's lives.

These days, prostitution largely takes place over the internet. That is, prostitutes post invitations online for escort services, massages, or other enticing activities. Plans are made to meet in a local hotel room. For the most part, the 'old style' streetwalking isn't how it works any longer. What has remained the same is that those involved are kept in the lifestyle through fear, intimidation, the need for drugs, or by raw physical abuse. Project RAISE offers a way out.

Tragically, we are seeing young girls being used in this trade. In our last RAISE, we were fortunate to bust a ring in which three youth were rescued from their adult pimps. In a rare win, the pimps were arrested and booked for trafficking of minors. It's my hope that the girls will take advantage of this second chance and show the courage to step away from the abusive situation they were in.

Prostitution exists throughout our community. It hits the economically vulnerable. It hits all ethnic groups. It hits both men and women. Our Project RAISE offers those who come into the program a chance to be treated in a way that validates them as people, and not as commodities to be bought and sold. It offers hope.

I'm grateful to the partners who have joined us in this life-changing program. In the days ahead more lives will be touched by the work of the RAISE effort. This holiday season, love on your kids and give thanks that they're safe and treasured in your home.

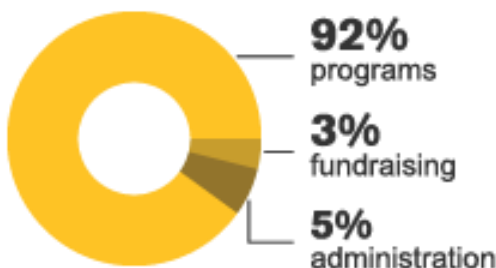


International Rescue Committee

Each year, the U.S. Government invites refugees who are fleeing persecution in their homelands to come here and begin a new life. The International Rescue Committee is one of the agencies that intercede on behalf of the refugees. We have a chapter here in Tucson. The programs they offer include things such as immigration and citizenship assistance, resettlement programs, job skill development, health and wellness, and volunteer opportunities. They work with both youth and adults.

The IRC was about to shut their doors a couple of weeks ago, but thanks to the Chimas Foundation (also located here in Tucson), they received a bridge grant to allow them to stay open for another couple of months. Chimas looked at the way the IRC allocates their dollars and decided it was a good bet their money was going to be well invested in the lives of the refugees and not on administration. Here's a breakdown of how a dollar is used by the IRC:

The IRC's Efficiency



I know that we have plenty of worthy non-profits all over town, and I often share their stories. This is one that you might want to consider, if you've got the means to do so. They're located at 3100 N. Campbell – and their phone number is 319.2128.

Smart Parking Meters



At long last the City will begin to install the new smart parking meters we've been working on for a couple of years. The delay was due to some snafus in the procurement process, but you'll finally be seeing them in the

coming weeks.

These are the latest IPS model that allows multiple payment options, a new smartphone app, and a central management system that will make it easier for enforcement agents to do their field work. They're also solar powered. The company has over 150,000 of these units up and operating all over the west coast.

The first 21 of these meters will go in along Pennington Street and over on 6th Avenue. You'll see them by the middle of this week. They'll go through some testing, and assuming that all goes well ...



...the installation will continue in the remaining areas of downtown, along 4th Avenue, and over at Main Gate. The new \$1 per hour rate is scheduled to begin January 5th of next year. The full install is expected to be done by mid-February of 2015.

These meters and the new rates will help merchants churn customers through the parking spots that are outside of their places of business. They will also help the City recoup some of the costs it absorbs running the whole Park Tucson operation. I will continue to advocate that money earned through this new system that's over and above the Park Tucson budget should be allocated to neighborhood reinvestment, as was the original intent of the Residential Parking Permit program. We'll see how that goes.

Thanks are due to Donovan Durband and his staff for the thorough outreach they performed throughout this process.

Shop Local

I'm going to close on an upbeat note. From November 28th through Christmas Eve is 'Shop Local Month.' The benefits to the local economy of buying from locally-owned businesses have been well documented, and it doesn't take many trips into our local shops to see that the variety and unique nature of what's offered is fundamentally different than what you'll find in the large national chains. So, with that intro, here are some Ward 6 local merchants who are offering discounts during the Shop Local promotion:

The Candle Factory – 5340 E. Broadway
 Candy Strike – 197 E. Toole
 Casa Video – 2905 E. Speedway
 Hydra – 145 E. Congress
 OOO! Outside of Ordinary – 905 E. University
 Pop Cycle – 422 N. 4th Ave
 Razorz Edge – 427 N. 4th Ave

There are dozens more local merchants along Main Gate, 4th Avenue, 6th Avenue, and Congress. Unless you just like the contact sport that shopping in a mall has become, you'll find some fun stuff and great values at plenty of places in those areas – and they're all on the Streetcar line.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
 Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Please note this updated information on Graffiti Reporting:



In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist its customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment. Just send an email to graffiti@tep.com or use the graffiti reporting link at <http://www.tep.com> to provide the location of the graffiti, the nearest cross streets, and a picture (if possible) of the tagged equipment. The online form and the email address sends the report directly to TEP's abatement personnel.

City Seeks Input on a Possible Public Bike Share System

The City of Tucson is exploring the feasibility of implementing a bike share system and is

seeking input from the public. The City has launched an online survey and a WikiMap to solicit comments. The online survey allows the public to weigh in on the proposed program, while the WikiMap helps identify specific locations for stations. The WikiMap allows users to suggest a station, “like” or “dislike” an already suggested station, or add a comment on any suggested station location. All suggestions and comments will be reviewed by project staff and used to help determine where bike share is most feasible in Tucson.

For more information and to access the WikiMap and survey visit:

<http://bikes.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle/tucson-bike-share>.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Reid Park, 22nd and Country Club

Saturday and Sunday, November 29-30, 9:00AM – 4:00PM



Come get a jump on your holiday shopping. The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department presents the annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair. It will be located west of the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center. This free event will draw in more than 100 vendors from all over the Southwest ranging from artists, crafters, photographers, painters, potters, jewelers and more. This Thanksgiving weekend fair has become a tradition for many holiday shoppers for more than 20 years. Stroll through the park and visit artists with their original designs, from delicate beading to steampunk jewelry, teapot wind chimes, handcrafted masks, colorful mosaics, sun catchers, and one-of-a-kind ceramics. Discover the artistic redesign of vintage purses, dolls and children’s wear. If you are looking for “cozy,” this is the place for soft blankets and quilts, fragrant soaps, knit scarves of all styles, knit dog collars - and everyone’s favorite - tie dye. Handmade teddy bears, puppets and wooden toys would be perfect for anyone’s holiday gift list. While enjoying the fair, be sure to stop for food and refreshments from local vendors. Visitors are encouraged to use the Concert Place entrance from Country Club Road for ample free parking. For more information call 791-4877.

Ongoing

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave

<http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/>

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music Leo Rick Theatre, 260 S Church St

<http://www.arizonachambermusic.org/>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

Temple of Shadows. August 21st to November 1st.

Jewish History Museum invites the public to view 15 prints showing the Museum before its renovation in black and white and afterwards infused with color.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

Opening October 18, 2014

Regarding Curtis: Contemporary Indian Artists Respond to the Imagery of Edward S. Curtis Whether romanticized or contested, the enduring power of the imagery of Edward S. Curtis has informed contemporary notions of Native American identity and perception. By inviting contemporary Indian artists to respond to these issues of identity and perception, we carry this dialogue into the present day, both visually and intellectually.

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

Now through December 2014, "The Best of the Best: Prize Minerals from the Vaults of Arizona's Collectors."

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com>

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

